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1853-1854

Francis Barnes House
Princess Anne
private

Prominently sited on a corner of Prince William and Mansion streets, the Francis Barnes house also commands architectural distinction as a well-executed example of the Italianate style common to the middle years of the nineteenth century. The elevated height of the two-story, center hall house along with the decorative bracketed cornices and paneled pilasters were combined by the builder, Seth D. Venables, in an effort to achieve a bold architectural statement then undeveloped in Princess Anne. Seth D. Venables is credited with the construction of this house along with several nearby dwellings that share identical period features. The main house is divided in a traditional manner with a center hall and a flanking parlor and dining room. The tee service wing is believed to have been added after the Civil War during the ownership of Louis Morris. At the same time a service bell system was installed. Additional notable features include silver plated hinge covers, china and silver-plated door knobs as well as a marble mantel that enhance the interior.

Francis Barnes purchased "Lot No. 2" from the Newman estate trustee, John Done, for \$330 in December of 1853 (LW 438). Construction is presumed to have begun shortly afterwards for Barnes transferred ownership of the house and lot to Albert E. Acworth four years later for \$4,000, "...being the same lot on which the said Barnes erected a dwelling house now occupied by the said Acworth." (LW 5/383). Francis Barnes bought the house back in April of 1859 (Equity Record, LW 3/102), only to sell it seven months later to William H. Gale. (LW 6/432)

Dr. Louis W. Morris, purchased the townhouse in June of 1863 and occupied the dwelling during the second half of the century (LW 8/44). Morris had his office in the two-story frame house (now brick sheathed) that stands west of the Courthouse. Dr. Morris's heirs transferred ownership to Judge Henry L. D. Stanford in 1896 (OTB 20/293). in June of 1863 and occupied the dwelling during the second half of the nineteenth century. (LW 8/44) Morris had his office in the two-story frame house currently used for the Board of Education. ^{Louis}~~Louis~~ Morris's heirs transferred ownership to Henry L. D. Standford in 1896 (OTB 20/283). ~~NEE~~

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STATE Maryland
 COUNTY Somerset
 TOWN Princess Anne VICINITY
 STREET NO. 221 Prince William St.

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
 INVENTORY S-94

ORIGINAL OWNER
 ORIGINAL USE dwelling
 PRESENT OWNER Lida Mayo
 PRESENT USE dwelling
 WALL CONSTRUCTION frame
 NO. OF STORIES two

2. NAME 221 Prince William St.
 DATE OR PERIOD c. 1860 - 80
 STYLE Cottage style
 ARCHITECT
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC no

Built in the Cottage style, 221 Prince William St. is a handsome two-story frame building, set on a high brick basement. The building is three bays long and one deep with a two-bay 'ell' out the back. There are three 1-story porches, one across the street facade, one facing Mansion St. and the other in the corner where the 'ell' meets the main part, the latter being screened. Two Varieties of bracket cornice were used for both sections and both porches. The central entrance has sidelights and transom, and pilasters reaching to the porch ceiling. A three-part window lights the room above the central hall. 6/9 and 6/6 sash are used on the first and second storeis respectively, both with louvered shutters.

There are paneled pilasters at the corners of the house which are repeated in the columns of the main porch. The back porch has chamfered columns and simple jig-saw brackets. Turned balusters are used on the main porch while plain rectangular balusters are found on the back porch.

The brick basement is also finished and has 3/3 sash with louvered shutters. Two brick chimneys pierce the low-pitched hipped roof near the center of the building.

221 Prince William St. is similar in feeling to the house across the street, the (Magruder House) Burns House

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered no Interior Exterior good



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

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(221 Prince William Street)

Princess Anne, Somerset County, MD

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